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WHAT IS NEW AT THE FONDATION



TOGETHER FOR A YEAR NOW

The Farha Foundation and the Fondation québécoise du sida came together on the 1st of April 2017. One year after this merger, the effects are significant, but the challenges remain considerable. We take this opportunity to thank all donors who have chosen to pursue the fight against HIV alongside Fondation québécoise du sida.

Together let's build a world without AIDS or HIV.

NEW RECRUITS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fondation québécoise du sida is looking for new members to enrich its board of directors for a two-year mandate. The profiles of the interested candidates will be presented at the next annual general meeting. Do you wish to sit on the board of directors? The description is available at fqsida.org. Send your application to direction@fqsida.org.

We salute Hélène Legaré, who has helped us to face many challenges for many years.

THE NEXT HIV APPOINTMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Assembly of the Fondation québécoise du sida will be held on the 1st of June 2018 at the Sainte-Catherine d'Alexandrie Community Recreation Centre on 1700 Amherst Street in Montréal from 5 p.m. The annual activity report as well as the projects for the next year will be presented ■

AFRAVIH 2018 — BORDEAUX

Coalition PLUS launches appeal:



VANCOUVER — ACRV CONGRESS

The 27th Annual Canadian Congress of Research on HIV/Aids was held from the 26th to the 29th of April in Vancouver, British Columbia. The theme of the encounter was: "Let's celebrate our diversity: United in response to HIV". The Congress is the world's main meeting of all those who work to stop the pandemic ■

Toutes nos communications sont disponibles en français. Veuillez communiquer avec nous pour changer votre langue de préférence.

YOUTH AND HIV: greater efforts needed

Researchers from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health have published a survey titled : "HIV in Canada: 2016 ". This report shows an 11.6% increase in new HIV cases between 2015 and 2016. It also indicates that the two provinces with the highest percentages of new infections were Ontario (37.6%) and Quebec (25.3%) and that the 25-to-39 age group was the one with the highest increase in new infections. The fight against HIV has not yet been won. A considerable amount of information work still needs to be carried out among the youth.

Sexting for perfect, confidential information

To address this increase in infections among young people, due to a large extent to lack of communication and testing, the Portail VIH du Québec has come up with a tool enabling people to inform their partners of their HIV status in a confidential manner, by text message, via **Sext'Info**.

This is an information, prevention, education and reference tool directly accessible through text messages. It is anonymous and transmits free of charge the results of a person's sexually transmitted infection (STI) diagnosis. The required information comprises the STIs concerned, the mobile phone numbers of the partners to be informed and, in the event of HIV, whether the latest sexual relations took place within the last 72 hours, to allow for information on post-exposure treatment ■



TESTIMONY: DANIEL CLAUDE

We need to exclude AIDS, not people living with HIV!



My name is Daniel-Claude. I am 49 years old and live in Montreal. I'm a left-handed, colour-blind, gay and HIV-positive artist. If I introduce myself in this way, it's because I find that it illustrates the fact that I am constantly confronting challenges(...) During adolescence, I fought for equality between men and women. As a young adult, I militated against increases in school fees, for the environment, the rights of the LGBT community. I do volunteering and I've been working for 15 years in the HIV community (...)

I've already had my position cut to make me shut my trap. That was a difficult chapter in my life. I felt so useless that I fell ill and almost passed away. When I came out of hospital, I told myself: wow, that's enough! You're going to stop it immediately (...) There and then, I began volunteering and becoming involved again(...) I went to meet people in Régina, in Vancouver, in Toronto; then, at the end of that road full of extraordinary meetings, I found a job at COCQ-SIDA(...)

On the threshold of my 50th birthday, I realise that I still have the capacity to bounce back and, especially, the strength to fight so that everyone can enjoy the right to respect ■



The full video of Daniel-Claude's testimony can be viewed on <http://www.jesuissieropo.org/temoignages/daniel-claude/>